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Docket No. 14458.41

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)

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For: UTILIZATION OF A MULTI-CHARACTER)
 MATERIAL IN A SURFACE COATING OF AN)
 ELECTROSURGICAL INSTRUMENT)

Confirmation No.: 7181)

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 8, 2004 (hereinafter "Office Action"),
please enter the following remarks into the file of the above-identified application.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.